

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Expectation

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Fowler Road

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Dares

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Calvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maynard L. MilesTelephone #: 535-1542

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Fowler Road

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 20678**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETCCalvert County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street (MD 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Expectation" may have originated as a smaller house, but evidence pointing to this possibility is not conclusive.

In its present form, this two-story frame house is joined by a one-story kitchen on the east. The undormered gable roofs of both parts run east-west. The main, south-facing block measures three bays wide by two bays deep.

Two exterior chimneys on the west gable end heat the first floor parlors only. The placement of the chimneys does not divide this space equally. The south chimney is centered on the wider front parlor, while the north chimney is located near the northwest corner of the house. The latter chimney is built of fieldstone, with a brick stack above the shoulders. The former chimney is constructed of brick laid in an allstretcher pattern with two randomly placed rows of headers. Two brick courses step out to form a water table along the face of the chimney, and ten brick courses step in at the shoulders. Both narrow chimney stacks stand free from the house above their shoulders, but are attached to the overhanging roof. This gable end is fenestrated by a 4/4 sash window to the south on the second floor, and a four-pane casement window in the attic, positioned north of center.

The south side of the house features two 2/2 sash windows to the west followed by a door on the east. This side of the kitchen is lighted by two 6/6 sash windows. A plain shed-roofed porch shelters the central three of this total of five bays. The second floor of the main block is lit by two 6/6 sash windows, leaving the central bay unfenestrated. The north side of the second floor is lighted similarly. A single 4/4 sash window lights the east gable end of the second floor. It is placed just north of center. A small square window in the east gable end of the kitchen attic is presently blocked.

Simple lapped clapboards sheath the house. It rests on a fieldstone foundation. Plain one-story shed-roofed additions running along the north sides of both blocks, added in recent years, do not detract from the original house.

"Expectations" floor plan consists of a stair hall along the east and two parlors to the west. The second floor reflects this plan with an additional tiny room in the southeast corner over the stair. The stair starts at the south end of the hall along the east wall. After a straight run followed by a landing, a second straight run, set in the opposite direction of, but alongside the first run, originally completed the stair. This was recently changed so the second set of steps now runs perpendicular to the original set from the landing.

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to extensive research by Ailene Hutchins, this property was once part of a larger tract owned by Edwin R. Fisher. This land adjoined the John E. Harms tract known to be 180 acres of "Expectation," originally granted as 350 acres to Francis Billingsley in 1663. The tract on which the house "Expectation" stands may be part of the remaining 170 acres from the original grant. Different sections of the land stayed in the Talbott family until 1811 and the Billingsley family until 1858. After these two sales, the land was divided many times. It is impossible to trace the plot associated with the extant house.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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The banister, which resembles a flattened mushroom in shape, is supported by rectangular balusters. The newel cap and post are square. A Greek ovolo with astragal molding outlines the triangle formed by the side of the stair. Step-end boards with a concave outline were added by the present owners. A beaded-board batten door leads to a closet under the stair. Both mantelpieces are late Federal in character. They are almost identical, although the front parlor mantel features additional rectangular blocks whose centers have concave corners. Deeply cut Greek ovolo moldings form the mantel shelves.

There was once, in Calvert County, a tract called Expectation. Early records show that it was first surveyed, in 1663, for Francis Billingsley, when its description stated that it consisted of 350 acres "near the Clifts in the woods." A patent for it was issued to Billingsley in 1664, and in 1708, the land was owned by Sarah, widow of John Talbott. Francis Billingsley also received a patent for Cornhill -- 350 acres -- in 1663, and this, too, was owned by Sarah Talbott in 1708.

Most of us know that Cornhill, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sinclair, is situated on the road from Parran towards Emanuel Church. It will be open to visitors on 4 May, the date of the Maryland House and Garden Tour of Calvert County. My research leads me to believe that Expectation was not far from Cornhill. An 1873 map of Calvert shows several county roads which are no longer totally in existence. Near Cornhill, there was a road which ran towards the present Clay Hammond Road and came out on to the present Dares Beach Road. It is possible that this road once led to Expectation, for land records show that part of the land now owned by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Harms Jr. was called Expectation.

Francis Billingsley's will, probated in 1695, gave no land names, but he did name his wife Susannah and his daughter, Rebecca Birkhead as heirs of his real estate. Records of the Monthly Meetings of the Clifts show that Francis Billingsley was buried "at the Clifts burying ground." Colonel Thomas Billingsley, grandson of Francis, is buried at St. Paul's Church, Prince Frederick, where his tombstone inscription gives his dates as 1769-1842. His estate settlement described his land as 250 acres (no name given) "near the heirs of John Hutchins, Frank Hutchins and John Yoe." It was sold, in 1853, to Thomas B. Billingsley, son of Colonel Thomas. Later, part of the Billingsley land was acquired by Richard Hance who, in 1867, sold Lemuel G. Fowler 80 acres of the property. Records also show that, in 1869, Samuel B.

book on the Talbott family, John, son of Richard and Elizabeth' Ewen Talbott, married Sarah Mears. Stein, in his book, stated that John and Sarah Mears Talbott lived at Expectation, near the Mears homestead. The register of the Clifts Monthly Meeting recorded the birth of Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah Meares, in 1673, and also said that John Talbott, husband of Sarah Mears Talbott, died in 1707, and was buried "at the Clifts." Sarah Talbott later married William Allnutt.

When John Talbott wrote his will, he left his wife "the plantation where I now live" for life, then to his son, Thomas. He left Expectation to his sons, Richard and Daniel. No further reference to Expectation was found until 1771, when the Calvert County debt books showed it as 350 acres owned as follows: Benjamin Harris -- 100 acres; Joseph Talbott Jr. -- 100 acres; John Talbott -- 50 acres; Thomas Talbott -- 100 acres. By 1782, land by that name had increased to 511 acres, and the owners were: Mary Gray -- 100 acres; Benjamin Harris -- 160 acres; Henry Scott -- 80 acres; Philip Talbott -- 94 acres and Thomas Talbott -- 77 acres. After this time, parts of Expectation may have been given other names by their owners, but in 1811, the name again appeared when Thomas Talbott sold William Allnutt 96 acres of Expectation, which may have been that owned by Philip Talbott in 1782. Still later, in 1870, William Hutchins and his wife Rebecca and George Chambers and his wife Minerva sold Gustavus Crane of Calvert County "180 acres called Expectation." The deed stated that the land was that "where Chambers lately resided, adjoining the lands of Robert W. Yoe and Henry F. Talbott." It had been sold to Chambers in 1858 by one Louis Tinges, and was apparently mortgaged to Hutchins, who obtained the land at a sheriff's sale in 1869. This was the same year that part of the Billingsley land was acquired by Samuel B. Wilson, and earlier references to the Billingsley tract also named the Yoe family as owners of adjoining property. Gustavus Crane bought an additional 80 acres in 1885 from the heirs of

R. Brightwell, who sold part of it to James E. Degges and his wife, Sophie. Mrs. Degges then sold it, in 1951, as 176½ acres, to Harry O. Dove and his wife, Emma M., from whom Benjamin R. Walls and his wife, Mary E., of Prince George County, bought it in 1955. The Walls sold it, in 1960, to Elmer M. Jackson III and his wife and John E. Harms Jr. and his wife, then of Anne Arundel County. Mr. and Mrs. Harms are the present owners of this tract, on which, I believe, their home is located, off Wilson Road.

Benjamin K. Talbott, whose will was probated in 1889, left to his son, Joseph F., the land he had bought from Lemuel Fowler, in trust for Benjamin T. Talbott, grandson of Benjamin K. Benjamin K. Talbott was the son of Joseph and Rebecca Freeman Talbott, and a brother of Henry F. Talbott. He was a descendant of John and Sarah Mears Talbott, and his grandson, Benjamin T., lived quite near Cornhill. References to the Talbott lands and adjoining properties will appear later.

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Wilson obtained 180 acres known as the Billingsley farm. A deed of 1887 also mentions Billingsley property, for then, Dr. Thornton Dorsey had owned "part of the Billingsley estate adjoining Dr. Thornton Dorsey, Elijah R. Cranford, John Freeland, Joe Yoe and Lemuel Fowler, which Richard Hance bought and which, at Richard Hance's death, was sold to Dr. Thornton Dorsey." This property, too, was near Cornhill.

Although 350 acres called Expectation were patented to Francis Billingsley, another small part of it was owned by John Meers (Mears) of Calvert County. The will of Mears, "of Anne Arundel County" was written and probated in 1675. In it, he named his only child, Sarah, who was to receive, at age 16, several tracts, two of which were "Meers -- 330 acres -- in Calvert County adjoining my brother-in-law John Homewood", and "30 acres of Expectation in Calvert County." According to Shirk's

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When Gustavus Crane died in 1894, his land was sold to Charles E. Hall as 260 acres. Hall owned the land until 1906, when he sold part of it to Clarence M. Gott and the remainder to David Brooks. The land sold to Clarence M. Gott was described as 50 acres "of the home farm of Gustavus Crane lying west of the east side of the meadow", plus 80 acres, which Crane had also owned, called "the Reed place, adjoining David I. Bowen." The 130 acres sold to David Brooks was that part "east of the meadow running from David I. Bowen's land to the land of the late Richard Roberts." David Brooks and his wife, Anne, mortgaged their property to Thomas Parman, who sold the land, in 1910, to John Mackall and his wife, Anne. By 1930, the Mackalls sold their acreage to Julius G. Hall and his brother, Amos. Eventually, the property, plus other land nearby, was obtained by Duke

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## Then and Now

Ailene Hutchins

The family name of Crane was mentioned last week, in connection with land called Expectation. Skordas' list of early settlers shows that Henry Crane appeared in Maryland in 1665, in Anne Arundel County, and Thomas Crane was transported to Maryland in 1673. No members of the family appear on Calvert's 1733 list of taxables, but by 1782, a Williams Crane was listed in Eltonhead Hundred with one male over 16 and 5 total white inhabitants. By the time of the 1800 census of Calvert, Thomas and William Crain (so spelled) were listed in Christ Church parish, and the ledger books of John and Joshua Sedwick showed Sampson Crane as a customer in 1800.

Land records of 1807 show that John and Priscilla Dilworth of Frederick County, Maryland sold one George W. Crane part of a tract in Calvert which had been devised by Francis Williams to his daughters. No description was given, but a later deed, in 1810, showed that Joseph Fowler sold George W. Crane four acres called part of Ireland's Beginning. The land began "at the branch below the jail," which was the dividing line between the lands of Francis and Dunbar Williams. It ran "to intersect the main road at a place called Hickory Gate leading from Holland Point to the courthouse, then to the lot George W. Crane obtained from Stephen Johns, and west to the land Francis Williams left to his daughters, and with that land to the northwest corner of the courthouse lands and to the beginning."

No other reference to the Crane name was found until the 1850 census of Calvert. At that time, household No. 212 in the second district consisted of Priscilla Crane - 60, Edward H. - 38, James J. - 36, Sarah - 29, Priscilla - 25, Gustavus - 22 and George - 16. Nearby were Eli Hutchins - No. 210 Abram

Crane family have yet been found, but perhaps they were buried in a family graveyard as yet undiscovered.

The land which Gustavus Crane had owned consisted of two tracts - one of "170 acres adjoining Lawrence Talbott, the heirs of John H. Berry, the heirs of William Hall and the heirs of Frederick Roberts," while the other was "80 acres adjoining David I. Bowen and George F. Hardesty." These two tracts were close to each other and were sold to Charles E. Hall, whose name was mentioned last week. Some, if not all, of this property is now owned by John E. Harms Jr.

In last week's article, the family of Robert Yoe was listed as owners of property adjoining that bought by Gustavus Crane. In 1850, Robert W. Yoe - 31, Mary E. - 35, Robert E. - 2 were living in household No. 309 of the second district, next to William and Rebecca Hutchins. By 1860, Robert W. Yoe - 42, his wife, Ann - 33, and their children: Robert - 12, John - 5, and Mary 11 months, were in No. 360, near William A. Parran - No. 359, Dennis B. M. Dixon - No. 361, M. L. Hawley, Methodist minister - No. 362, and Thomas Hutchins - No. 363. Robert W. Yoe had died by 1880, but his son, Dr. Robert E. Yoe, was still in the county, in household No. 186, with his wife, Emma M. - 24, and children Ella May - 3, Mary W. - 3, and Emma M. - 1. J. L. Cranford, his son, Bernard, and others were in No. 181, several black families lived nearby and, in No. 191, was the family of John S. Armiger.

Robert E. Yoe died in 1881, and his estate settlement occurred in September, 1882. In that settlement, there was the record of a mortgage to William V. Wilburn for three tracts of land. One tract was lot No. 3 of the estate of Robert W. Yoe, consisting of 164 acres in the second



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In 1860, Edward H. Crane - 47, and his brothers and sisters, except for James J. and his mother, Priscilla, were shown in household No. 573. James J. was shown, alone, in No. 591. Near Edward Crane were Elizabeth Alton - No. 570, James Catterton - No. 571, Virgil Brown (black) - No. 472, Young Chase (black) - No. 574, while Ethelbert Freeland was shown in No. 578. James Crane's neighbors were James Ross - No. 589, William I. Bowen - No. 590, and Gideon Allnutt - No. 592. By 1880, James Crane was not shown, but the family of Edward was shown in household No. 52. Their ages were as follows: Edward - 69, Sarah - 60, Priscilla - 55, and Gustavus - 52. Nearby, in No. 50 was Dennis B. Gott, while William Hall was shown in No. 51.

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Various witnesses were called upon, and one of them, Young Hardesty, said that Yoe's widow and her children were then living with her father, in Frederick County. A commission was appointed to evaluate the land, and it was sold. The 14 acres where Yoe lived were purchased by Eliza J., wife of Virgil C. Cox; the 80-acre tract was sold to Gustavus Crane, and the estate inherited from Robert W. Yoe was laid off for 162 acres, allotted to the widow, Margaret E., as "in Sandy Bottom, beginning on the public road from Gabriel Skinner to the brick house on the land of Dr. Thornton Dorsey." It ran on "to the corner of Mrs. Eldridge, to Dr. Dorsey's line, to Reuben Bowen, to Young Hardesty and to the beginning," and a plat was included, as surveyed by Joseph W. Talbott.

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Gustavus Crane died in 1888, unmarried, and his estate settlement showed that his brother, George L., was then living in Ohio, and his sister, Priscilla, was still unmarried. Annie M. Skinner, another sister, had died, but her children were John W. Skinner; Julia M., wife of Cephas H. Bowen; Frances R., widow of James R. Hutchins; Sallie A., wife of Cephas Bowen Jr.; Annie V., wife of Calvin W. Simmons; and Alice G., wife of Thomas J. Young. No tombstones for members of the

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162 acres which Margaret E. Yoe, widow of Robert E., obtained was sold in 1890 by Margaret, who had then become the wife of James H. Harris, and who was then living in Libertytown, Frederick County. The tract was purchased by G. Frank Hardesty.

A deed of October, 1892, recorded that Ann M. Yoe of Calvert County, Mary E. Eldridge and her husband, Emory O. of Washington, D.C., John F. Yoe and his wife, Anna, of Dillon, Montana, sold David I. Bowen 300 acres, being "the real estate of Robert W. Yoe, late of Calvert County, allotted to John F.

Yoe and Mary E. Yoe, adjoining Gustavus Cane, John T. Hutchins, John Freeland, Dr. Thornton Dorsey and Frank Hardesty." David I. Bowen, by his will of 1906, left this property to his daughters, Cora W. Cranford and Maey E. Wilburn. Mrs. Cranford purchased the interest of her sister in 1909, when the land was then said to adjoin that of Walter H. Alton, William H. Freeland, the heirs of John T. Hutchins, the heirs of David Brooks, Clarence M. Gott, and Webster Tabbs.

Mrs. Cranford and her husband, Bernard L., sold this tract, in 1924, to Joseph C. Webster, from whom Wick

Parran obtained it, in 1927. Then, in 1948, it was sold to Goldia B. Shaw of Prince George County, and in 1951, Louis L. Goldstein bought it at a public sale and later sold it to Harold D. Bailey. Otto Lowe Jr. purchased it from Bailey in 1961, and Edwin R. Fischer became the owner of the 300 acres in 1965. Tax maps show this property near that of S. Chester Buckler and John E. Harms Jr., so perhaps it, too, was once part of the original Expectation.

Other family names were involved with land around, or part of, Expectation, about whom there will be more next week.

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# Then and Now

By AILENE HUTCHINS

Land in and around the tract once called Expectation involved several family names. One such was that of Robert E. Yoe, whose estate settlement was referred to last week. In that settlement, Young Hardesty appeared to testify, and his land adjoined that of the Yoe family.

Young Hardesty was born in 1824, and in 1881, he purchased 215 acres from George P. Ross and his wife Drusilla, and David I. Bowen and his wife Margaret. The tract was near Tillington and Clay Hammond, "adjoining Robert E. Yoe, Reuben Bowen, Joseph Bowman, Sarah Skinner and others." When it was sold to Hardesty, it was described as "the estate of James Ross, late, which by will he left to his wife, Maria J., for life." No record was found to indicate from whom Ross had acquired the property.

James Ross, aged 53, and Elizabeth - 57, were listed on the 1850 census for Calvert's second district in household No. 101. Nearby were Dr. William McDaniel - No. 98, Margaret Dare - No. 99, William Tucker - No. 100, William I. Bowen - No. 102 and George Dowell - No. 103. Since other land records indicate that Dr. McDaniel's land was at one end of the old Clay Hammond Road (near Bowen's Florist), and William Bowen's land was also on Clay Hammond Road, reached from the present entrance to Clay Hammond from Dares Beach Road, it would seem that the estate of James Ross may have adjoined William I. Bowen. However, also in the second district in 1850, in household No. 313 were Elizabeth Ross - 50, James Ross - 22, and George P. Ross - 20. Robert W. Yoe was listed in No. 309, William Hutchins in No. 310, Joseph Hardesty in No. 311, Kinzy Simmons in No. 312, Dr. Benjamin Williams in No. 314 and Rebecca Dalrymple in No. 315. By 1860, James Ross - 63

household No. 154, the home of George Younger, as farm manager. He was then unmarried, but by 1860, he and his wife Annie, and their sons, John - 5, and Franklin - 5 months, had moved to the first district, near Alexander Somervell and Thomas R. Tongue. In 1880, the Hardesty family had returned to the second district, where they were listed in household No. 62. Young Hardesty was then 56 years old, his wife Anne E. was 46, and their children were John R. - 26, Frank G. - 20, Sarah V. - 15 and Annie L. - 10. At this time, the families of William I. Bowen, George H. Denton and I. R. Harper were listed nearby.

Young Hardesty died in 1902 and his widow, Ann E., died in 1915. Both are buried at Wesley Cemetery in Prince Frederick, as is their son, G. Frank (1860-1943) and his wife, Cora V. (1864-1937). The family had lived on the land bought in 1881, and in 1915, after the death of their mother, the heirs sold James A. Dalrymple a small parcel of 8 3/4 acres, "beginning at the intersection of the lot of Mrs. C. C. Bird and the public road leading across Clay Hammond." The same day, the remaining 208 acres were sold to Ernest Rawlings. In 1920, Ernest W. Rawlings and his wife Sarah conveyed 104 acres of the same tract to D. Ray Rawlings and his wife Brissie. The land was said to be on the north side of the road and "ran to the boundary near the gate leading to the upper field." The other 104 acres were sold, in 1923, by Ernest W. Rawlings to John W. Kent and his wife Agnes, except for a 1/4 acre parcel sold to Clarence M. Gott.

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Dogwoods on Clay Hammond Rd.

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No record was found of the will of James Ross, who must have died prior to 1880. However, in that year, the second district census showed Maria J. Ross, aged 66, as the mother-in-law in the home of I. (or J.) Harper - 29, and his wife, Margaret - 32 (or 35). The Harper family then lived near William I. Bowen, George I. Denton, Gabriel Skinner and Gilbert Gott. George P. Ross, who was in the second district in 1850, had moved to the first district by 1860, as did his brother James.

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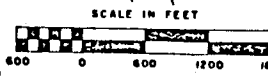
G. Frank Hardesty, son of Young Hardesty, bought part of the Yoe estate in 1890. The tract was 162 acres, which had been that part allotted to Margaret E. Yoe, widow of Robert E. Yoe, who later married Joseph H. Harris of

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